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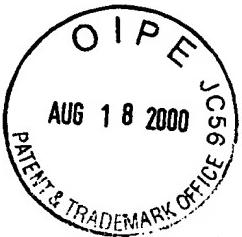
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SHIRAKAWA et al.

Serial No. 09/226,606

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Title: HEAT TREATMENT APPARATUS



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AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the non-final Office Action dated May 18, 2000, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 8, 11 and 13-25 without prejudice or disclaimer to their underlying subject matter.

Please amend claims 1, 3, 26 and 31-34 as follows:

1. (Amended) A heat treatment apparatus, which comprises:

a heat treatment table thereon a substrate to be treated is disposed;

two or more of heaters heating each regions obtained by dividing the heat treatment table into two or more;

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at least one sensor detecting temperature of the predetermined portion of the heat treatment table;

a means for surmising the temperature of each portions of the heat treatment table based on the detected temperature; and

a means for controlling output of the each heaters based on the detected temperature so that the temperature of the entire heat treatment table is uniform[.];

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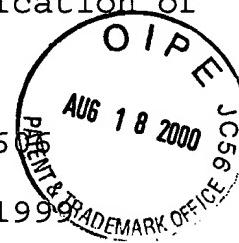
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

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- Applicant's undersigned attorney may be reached by telephone in our Washington D.C. Office at
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All correspondence should be directed to our below listed address.

Date: August 18, 2000



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